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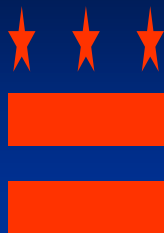
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*Enriched by Diversity; United as One Community*



## THE API CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

*April 2006 - Volume 5, Issue 4*

### D.C.-Seoul Sister City Relationship



**D.C.  
Mayor  
Anthony A.  
Williams  
and Mayor  
Lee Myung  
Pak  
toasting  
each other  
with flutes  
of  
sparkling  
cider.**

On March 13, Seoul became the District's 10th sister city. The Mayor of Seoul, Myung Pak Lee, visited Washington D.C. to sign the sister city agreement with the District. Thanks to overwhelming interest and support from the greater Washington D.C. Korean community, the District of Columbia and Seoul city governments were able to move this project forward. On the day of the signing Ceremony, the 15-member Steering Committee on D.C.-Seoul Sister City Relationship (a community support group to work on this sister city project) hosted a reception featuring Korean traditional food and entertainment.

"This is merely a beginning of a long journey," said Soohyun Koo, deputy director of the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. "The two city governments, along with the steering committee, will be planning a couple of projects to benefit both cities."

Hundreds of guests from the Korean and API communities attended the signing ceremony and reception sponsored by the steering committee.

# ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is organizing the **ImmigrASIAN Fair** and the **Annual Asian Heritage Month Celebration** on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (MLK Jr.) in downtown DC. These events are organized to provide free information and services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community and to commemorate the rich Asian Heritage.

During the **ImmigrASIAN Fair**, which is cosponsored by DC Public Library and Amerigroup, health professionals will be available to provide free health screening services such as allergy, diabetes, dental, hearing, HIV, and optical examinations. Arrangements are being made for cooking and child seat safety demos. Several dozen vendors participating from both private and public sectors will be available to answer questions relating to health, immigration, social security, and other human services. A legal clinic will be held throughout the event to provide free legal services to whoever needs them.



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In the evening, the **DC Mayor's Annual Asian Heritage Month Celebration** will be highlighted by wonderful cultural performances from different Asian countries. Awards will be given to individuals who are extraordinarily dedicated to serving the District's API community. Candidates representing the API community, youth, community based organizations and DC government will be nominated to the API Commission during the month of April and winner selection will be made in early May. All nominees will be recognized at the eve. A most popular part of the celebration is the delicious ethnic cuisines prepared by our community restaurants.

Both events are free, open to the general public, and expect a large number of participants. OAPIA is looking for many volunteers to help out. Anyone interested can contact Ngoc Trinh at [ngoc.trinh@dc.gov](mailto:ngoc.trinh@dc.gov) or (202)727-3120.



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**ASIAN LANGUAGE  
ASSISTANCE WILL  
BE AVAILABLE IN:**

**CANTONESE  
KOREAN  
MANDARIN  
VIETNAMESE**



**ImmigrASIAN Fair**

***“PROMOTING ASIAN  
IMMIGRANT SUCCESS”***

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006**

**10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Martin Luther King, Junior  
(MLK) Memorial Library**

**901 G Street, NW**

**Washington, DC 20001**

Metro Station: Red Line – Gallery Place/  
Chinatown Exit (9th and G Street Intersection)

For more information, please call (202) 727-3120  
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# FIRST MEETING

## API Taskforce on Education

The Asian and Pacific Islander Taskforce on Education had its first monthly meeting on Monday, March 6, 2006. Representatives from the Commission on API Affairs, community leaders, government employees and parents attended to set an agenda for the Taskforce. One of the first orders of business was clarifying the roles and responsibilities as well as the mission for the taskforce. After discussion, the roles the Taskforce are defined:

*The API Task Force on Education is committed to establishing connections and strengthening relationships between Asian and Pacific Islander community and DC Public Schools by:*

- 1. Increasing knowledge and awareness on available academic performance data on the API populations.*
- 2. Providing recommendations and solutions on key issues that impact academic achievement and student services of API students.*
- 3. Fostering collaboration between and among API families, students, teachers, educators, and other student service providers to create supportive learning environments for all children and increased parent involvement in DCPS*

One of the major areas the Taskforce will be involved in is with the Parent and Family Resource Centers the DC Public Schools are creating to assist parents become more active and effective advocates for their children. The Taskforce seeks to ensure the API voice is represented and heard in the process of formulating these Centers.

The Taskforce will meet on the second Monday of every month at rotating community locations to ensure access to the busy parents and students. Meetings with the Superintendent will run on a biennial basis, where concerns and issues can be addressed and potential solutions presented.

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is very excited about the potential of this Taskforce and is playing a supportive role. OAPIA facilitates the meetings and handles the logistical component of the Taskforce, allowing the members to concentrate on the pertinent issues and develop action plans to address the various problems facing API youth.

If you are interested in learning more about the taskforce, would like to get involved, or attend a meeting, please contact Neel Saxena at [neel.saxena@dc.gov](mailto:neel.saxena@dc.gov) or call (202) 727-0729.

# Funding Alerts and Resources

e-Newsletter, April 2006

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Computing Indirect Cost Rates and Managing Federal Grants.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* will provide a comprehensive workshop for nonprofit and faith-based representatives and local government grant managers who want to learn about or be updated on federal grant issues. Developing and negotiating indirect cost rates, as covered by OMB Circular A-122, will be covered. The uniform administrative requirements for federal grants and agreements under 2 CFR Part 215 (formerly OMB Circular A-110) will be reviewed as well. This session will take place on April 25, 2006, 9:00 a.m.–noon, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1107 South. To register by **April 19**, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 or [dawn.mitchell@dc.gov](mailto:dawn.mitchell@dc.gov).

## FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Housing and Urban Development's SuperNOFA.** *The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* unveiled its SuperNOFA on March 8, 2006. The notice announces 39 separate funding opportunities, totaling \$2.2 billion, to help produce more affordable housing, assist homeless individuals and families, and promote community development. With the exception of HUD's *Continuum of Care* homeless assistance programs, HUD now requires all applicants to submit their funding requests electronically through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). This electronic submission process is part of the President's management agenda and will significantly streamline funding for states, local governments and nonprofit grassroots organizations that house and serve lower income families living in their communities. Each program covered by the SuperNOFA has its own eligibility, deadline and application requirements. Program areas include:

- Community Development Technical Assistance
- University and College Programs
- Fair Housing Initiatives
- Housing Counseling
- Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
- Economic Development
- Public Housing Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency
- Targeted and Assisted Housing
- Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance

Note:

- HUD offers Webcast briefings for many of these programs. See: <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/index.cfm>.
  - Many of these grant programs are subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.
- For further information, see HUD's press release at: <http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr06-027.cfm>; or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm#grants>.

**OJJDP FY 2006 Field Initiated Demonstration Program.** *Department of Justice* announces funds to foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice related practice at the local and state government levels as part of OJJDP's overall effort to support programs that enhance juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is **May 1, 2006**. For further information, contact Gwendolyn Dilworth at (202) 514-4822 or [Gwendolyn.Dilworth@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gwendolyn.Dilworth@usdoj.gov); or go to: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=59>. GrantID: GD1079

**Comprehensive Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds for the implementation of Comprehensive Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnerships between Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) and NCI designated Cancer Centers (or groups of Centers). Funding will provide opportunities for intensive collaborations among MSIs and the Cancer Centers in order to develop stronger national cancer programs aimed at understanding the reasons behind the significant cancer disparities and impact on minority populations. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations other than small businesses and others. The deadline for applications is **April 20, 2006**. Approximately \$3,500,000 is available. For further information, go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-06-011.html>. GrantID: GD1060

## Feasibility Studies for Collaborative Interaction for Minority Institution/Cancer Center

**Partnership.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to help researchers and faculty at Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), in collaboration with the researchers and faculty of NCI-designated Cancer Centers (or other institutions with highly-organized, integrated research efforts focused on cancer), plan and implement focused collaborations in cancer research, cancer training and career development, or cancer education. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and for-profit organizations other than small businesses. The deadline for applications is **April 20, 2006**. Approximately \$1,200,000 is available to fund 6 awards of up to \$275,000. For further information, go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfafiles/RFA-CA-06-013.html>. GrantID: GD1061

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**FY06 Trafficking Task Forces and Victim Services.** *Department of Justice* announces funds to continue to enhance law enforcement's ability to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking, provide law enforcement with the resources and training to identify and rescue victims of trafficking, and ensure that comprehensive services are available wherever trafficking victims are found. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, state governments and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is **April 25, 2006**. Approximately \$450,000 is available. A match is required. For further information, contact GMS Helpdesk at (888) 549-9901; or go to: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/dakit.htm#FY06TraffickingVictims>. GrantID: GD1062

**Special Improvement Project (SIP).** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds for special improvement projects, which further the national child support mission, vision, and goals. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, public housing authorities, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is **May 24, 2006**. Approximately \$1,150,000 is available to fund 2 awards of up to \$575,000. For further information, contact Yvette B. Morris at or [ymorris@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ymorris@acf.hhs.gov); or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACFOCSE-FI-0005.html>. GrantID: GD1067

**Title III Capacity Development.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to support eligible entities in their efforts to strengthen their organizational infrastructure and enhance their capacity to develop, enhance or expand high quality HIV primary health care services in rural or urban underserved areas and communities of color. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is **May 5, 2006**. Approximately \$1,500,000 is available to fund 15 awards. For further information, contact DHHS at (877) 464-4772 or [CallCenter@HRSA.GOV](mailto:CallCenter@HRSA.GOV); or <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=8346>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD1064

**Youth Leadership Program: Linking Individuals, Knowledge and Culture (LINC).** *Department of State* announces funds to foster mutual understanding between youth participants (ages 15-17) from the U.S. and from countries around the world through three to six week reciprocal exchange projects that enhance the participants' knowledge of their host country's history, culture, and system of government. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and others. The deadline for applications is **April 27, 2006**. Approximately \$900,000 is available to fund 5 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$250,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Hans Posey at (202) 203-7466 or [PoseyHE@state.gov](mailto:PoseyHE@state.gov); or go to: <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/rfgps/april27rfgp.htm>. GrantID: GD1063

## **DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Mini-Subgrants to Small Non-Profit Community-Based Organizations.** *Department of Human Services/Income Maintenance Administration* is the lead agency in DC for implementation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. To facilitate achievement of TANF purposes, the DHS/IMA intends to award grant funds to small community- and faith-based organizations that directly assist TANF customers and other low income families and children in DC. Eligible organizations include small nonprofit, community-and faith-based organizations located in DC with an annual budget not more than \$150,000. The deadline for applications is **May 10, 2006**, at 3:00 p.m. Awards of up to \$20,000 are available. Applicants are encouraged to attend the pre-application conference on **April 10, 2006**, 10:00 a.m.-noon, at DHS/IMA, 645 H Street, NE, 5th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20002. To register for the conference, contact Marchelle White at (202) 698-3942 on or before **April 5, 2006**. For further information, contact Priscilla Burnett at (202) 671-4407; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD1111

## **FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**After School Advantage Program.** *GTECH* provides community organizations with state-of-the art, Internet-ready computer centers. Computer centers are designed to provide inner-city children aged 5-15 with a meaningful learning experience in a safe environment during the critical after-school hours. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, contact GTECH at or [elena.lupinacci@gtech.com](mailto:elena.lupinacci@gtech.com); or go to: [http://www.gtech.com/about\\_gtech/proposal\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp). GrantID: GD1075

**Bricks and Mortar Projects.** *Kresge Foundation* announces funds to strengthen the capacity of organizations to provide effective programs of quality. The Foundation primarily makes challenge grants for building construction, renovation, purchase of real estate and major equipment. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: <http://www.kresge.org/>. GrantID: GD1077

**Community Grants.** *Foster's in the Community* supports projects in three core focus areas: wellness, culture and the environment. Foster's defines "wellness" as both physical and mental health, "culture" as artistic, sporting and educational activities and "environment" as all aspects of the natural environment. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is **April 28, 2006**. For further information, contact Susan Storck at [susan.storck@am.fostersgroup.com](mailto:susan.storck@am.fostersgroup.com); or go to: <https://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm>. GrantID: GD1074

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**Community Assistance Grants.** *The Commonwealth Foundation* supports educational programs and projects assisting disadvantaged youth. The Foundation focuses on secondary and, to a lesser extent, elementary education. The Foundation also considers grants for educational research and, to a limited extent, health care. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations located in Washington, DC, Maryland or Northern Virginia, and have an annual budget not exceeding \$1 million. The deadline for applications is **August 1, 2006**. Awards up to \$25,000 are available. For further information, contact John Carwell at (240) 450-0000 or [jcarwell@cweal.org](mailto:jcarwell@cweal.org); or go to: <http://www.cweal.org/cag.htm>. GrantID: GD1050

**Encouraging Citizen Involvement.** *The Herb Block Foundation* seeks to help ensure a responsible, responsive democratic government through citizen involvement. Proposals may focus on citizen education, greater voter participation in the electoral process, or citizen oversight of governmental agencies. All projects must be nonpartisan and may not involve lobbying for specific legislation or candidates. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Applicants must be located in and/or provide services in the greater Washington, DC region. This is defined as DC; the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and the city of Alexandria in Virginia; and Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland. The deadline for Letters of Inquiry is **June 9, 2006**, at 5:00 p.m. Awards range from \$5,000-\$25,000. For further information, contact The Herb Block Foundation at (202) 223- 8801; or go to: <http://www.herbblockfoundation.org/herbblockfoundation/home.aspx?Page=Main>. GrantID: GD1073

**The Great American Bake Sale - Mini-Grants.** *Share Our Strength* announces funds to support efforts to fight childhood hunger in communities across the country. Preference will be given to organizations working to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after school meal programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations working to fight childhood hunger in their communities. Applicants must have an IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status (for nonprofits) or valid NCES code (for schools). The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2006**. Awards range from \$1,000-\$5,000. For further information, contact Share Our Strength at (800) 761-4227 or [bake@strength.org](mailto:bake@strength.org); or go to: [http://www.greatamericanbakesale.org/site/PageServer?pagename=grant\\_mini](http://www.greatamericanbakesale.org/site/PageServer?pagename=grant_mini). GrantID:GD1072

## RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman 2006 EXCEL Award.** *The Center for Nonprofit Advancement* is now accepting nominations for the Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman 2006 EXCEL award. The award recognizes and spotlights outstanding leadership among Washington-area nonprofit chief executives. The competition is open to any executive director, CEO, president or other chief salaried employee of a Washington-area 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with an annual budget of under \$5 million. The deadline for nomination applications is **April 21, 2006**. Up to three people will be selected as 2006 EXCEL Awardees, and up to three people may be selected as Honorable Mention recipients. The EXCEL Awardees will each receive a \$5,000 professional development account to be used for the individual's continued professional development. In addition, each recipient's organization will receive a \$2,000 grant to support the professional development of the organization's staff. An Application Workshop will be held on March 28, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., at the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, 1666 K St., NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20006. For further information, to access the application, or to register for the workshop, go to: [www.nonprofitadvancement.org](http://www.nonprofitadvancement.org); or contact Susan Sanow at (202) 457.0540 or [susans@nonprofitadvancement.org](mailto:susans@nonprofitadvancement.org).

**eNonprofit Benchmark Study.** *M+R Strategic Services and the Advocacy Institute* have created the eNonprofit Benchmarks Study, the first of its kind look at the effectiveness of major American nonprofit organizations using the Internet to raise money and influence public policy. The report analyzes and provides benchmarks for key activities including online activism, online fundraising, email messaging and email list building. The study is a tool that nonprofits can use to measure and compare their online performance to other organizations' online programs. For further information, go to: <http://www.e-enchmarksstudy.com/>.

**Innovative Technology Uses for Nonprofits.** *TechSoup* has created a new website, NetSquared (Net2) which is based on the belief that both online and offline work of every organization can be enhanced by an online community in which organizations and users support one another. Net2 is actively seeking the involvement of nonprofit organizations, companies, funders, and innovators who care about the strategic, organizational, operational, and technical challenges facing nonprofits today. For further information, go to: <http://www.netsquared.org/>.

**Nonprofit Internet Techniques.** *Groundspring.org* offers its Internet Techniques Series, a collection of free learning topics to assist nonprofit organizations in making effective use of the Internet in a variety of areas. The series covers topics such as strategies for success, online fundraising, email messaging, driving traffic to your site, online advocacy campaigns, searching on the Web, and more. For further information and to access the series, go to: <http://www.groundspring.org/learningcenter/series.cfm>.

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